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SUBJECT: KAGNEW FOUR

REF: JIDDA 7399; STATE 262854

1. EMBASSY HAS SO FAR RECEIVED NO REPEAT NO CATEGORIC
CONFIRMATION THAT PACKAGES WE SENT BOWIDOWICZ AND STRICKLAND
OCTOBER 21 (KHARTOUM 2461) HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THEM.
HOWEVER, MINSTATE KIBEIDA TOLD AMBASSADOR SEVERAL DAYS
AGO HE "THOUGHT" PACKAGES HAD ARRIVED. BOTH FOR THIS REASON AND
SINCE OUR EFFORTS THROUGH SUDANESE MIGHT WELL BE UNDERMINED
BY SAUDI PROPOSAL PARA 2 JIDDA REFTTEL, WE BELIEVE STRONGLY
THAT EFFORT DELIVER PACKAGES THROUGH SAUDIS TO BOWIDOWICZ AND
STRICKLAND SHOULD FOR MOMENT BE DEFERRED. INSTEAD REQUEST
URGENT INSTRUCTIONS THAT AMBASSADOR BE AUTHORIZED INFORM
KIBEIDA THAT: (A) SINCE THERE SEEMS BE SOME UNCERTAINTY
WHETHER KAGNEW 2 HAVE RECEIVED ORIGINAL MEDICINE AND FOOD
PACKAGES, WE WOULD LIKE SEND ADDITIONAL ITEMS; (B) QUESTION
HAS ARISEN WHETHER WE SHOULD INITIATE SECOND SHIPMENT FROM
KHARTOUM OR WHETHER IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TAKE ADVANTAGE
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SAUDI OFFER TO SEND SIMILAR SHIPMENT VIA THEIR CONTACTS; AND

(C) WHILE WE WISH DO NOTHING WHICH MIGHT COMPLICATE
SUDANESE EFFORTS FREE HOSTAGES WE WOULD ON OTHER HAND LIKE
GET FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPORT TO MEN WHILE THEY BEING HELD.
PLEASE INSTRUCT.

2. COMMENT: BELIEVE APPROACH RECOMMENDED IN FOREGOING PARA-
GRAPH COULD HAVE POSITIVE IMPACT ON CURRENT SUDANESE EFFORTS,
WHEREAS SIMPLY INFORMING THEM IN ACCORDANCE PARA 5 STATE REFTEL
MIGHT WELL HAVE THE OPPOSITE EFFECT. IN ANY CASE, THERE IS
PRESUMABLY LITTLE REASON SUPPOSE THAT PACKAGES PUT ON AIRCRAFT
IN JIDDA MORE LIKELY REACH KAGNEW 2 VIA SUDAN THAN SIMILAR
PACKAGES SENT FROM KHARTOUM. MOREOVER, IT UNCLEAR FROM JIDDA
REFTEL WHETHER SAG HAS AS GOOD DIRECT CONTACTS WITH ELF AS PLF.
BOTH FOR THIS REASON AND BECAUSE OF CURRENT STRUGGLE BETWEEN
PLF AND ELF OVER QUESTION OF UNIFICATION AND CHRISTIAN/MOSLEM
DIFFERENCES, IT MIGHT BE PREFERABLE FOR US TO WORK PLF SIDE OF
STREET WITH SAUDIS WHILE CONTINUING FOCUS ON ELF SIDE THROUGH
SUDANESE.
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